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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST PEACE

1. TEXT FOLLOWS BELOW MESSAGE WHICH PRIME MINISTER
RIFAI HAS ASKED ME TO TRANSMIT TO SECRETARY KISSINGER
IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ON OCCASION
JORDANIAN TWENTY-EIGHT ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE.

2. QUOTE DEAR HENRY,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES
AND CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF JORDAN'S
INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY.

JORDAN HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE INDEPENDENCE,
THOUGH IT HAS FACED ENORMOUS PROBLEMS, MOST OF THEM
DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH THE PROBLEM OF PALESTINE,
WHICH IS ALMOST AS OLD AS THE COUNTRY SINCE
INDEPENDENCE. BUT THERE NEVER HAS BEEN MORE HOPE FOR
A SETTLEMENT OF THIS PROBLEM THAN NOW. THE PAST YEAR
HAS BROUGHT US CLOSER TO PEACE THAN WE HAVE EVER BEEN
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SINCE 1948 -- AND THIS IS LARGELY DUE TO YOUR

DEDICATION TO PEACE, YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS, AND TO THE
CONSTRUCTIVE AND BRILLIANT ROLE WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED.
WE ARE INDEED GRATEFUL. WE WISH YOU CONTINUED
SUCCESS, AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY,
IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WHEN YOUR EFFORTS WILL BE DIRECTED TO
DEALING WITH THE JORDANIAN ASPECT OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI
CONFLICT, SO THAT ALL THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THIS
PROBLEM CAN MARCH SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND WITH YOU,
TOWARDS A BRIGHTER, HAPPIER, AND PEACEFUL FUTURE.

BEST REGARDS.

ZAID AL-RIFAI

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